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It's H-O-T outside!

Take extra precautions to prevent heat illnesses

With heat indices in the triple digits such as those currently being experienced, the Alabama Department of Public Health advises the public to be alert to the warning signs of heat illnesses.

"Stay cool and hydrated, especially if you are outside," said Grant Lyons, Coffee County EMA director.

Heat-related illnesses occur when the body is exposed to high temperatures. The incidence of these illnesses rises expectedly during warm weather periods, and anyone exposed to high temperatures or extreme heat can experience symptoms when the body's temperature control system is overloaded.

The most common heat-related illnesses are as follows:

- Heat cramps - include muscle pains or spasms (abdomen, arms or legs), profuse sweat, and high salt concentration in the sweat.
- Heat exhaustion - is associated with heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, or vomiting and fainting. Other possible symptoms may include cool and moist skin, fast and weak pulse rate, fast and shallow breathing, or irritability. Older adults, those with high blood pressure, and those working or exercising in a hot environment are prone to heat exhaustion. If heat exhaustion is not treated, it may progress to heatstroke.
- Heat stroke - the most serious heat-related illness, a life-threatening problem, may occur when the body is unable to control its temperature. Body temperature may rise to 106 degrees F or higher within 10 -15 minutes. Signs include an extremely high body temperature, red, hot and dry or moist skin, rapid, strong pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, dehydration, combativeness or confusion, and uncon-

sciousness. Heat stroke is a medical emergency and even with immediate treatment, it can be life-threatening or cause serious long-term problems.

Recommendations are that people drink plenty of fluids except alcohol or caffeinated beverages to prevent dehydration, stay in an air-conditioned room, keep out of the sun by seeking shelter, wear a wide-brimmed hat, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing, use sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher, take cool showers or baths, and reduce or eliminate strenuous activities during the hottest times of the day. NEVER leave people or pets in a parked vehicle. Individuals with heart disease, diabetes, obesity, poor circulation, or previous stroke problems, people of older and younger ages, and those taking certain medications are at greater risk of becoming ill in hot weather.

For more information, visit <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/injury-prevention/heat.html>



FALLEN TREE KNOCKS OUT ELECTRICITY FOR PARTS OF ELBA ON TUESDAY...Some Elba residences and businesses were without electricity for several hours Tuesday, July 22, after a large tree fell across Davis Street just east of Bradshaw Pest Control and west of Hayes Funeral Home. The fallen tree caused the power outage during the 9 a.m. hour Tuesday morning, and it was just prior to 2 p.m. before Elba crews were able to clear the tree and repair damaged powerlines. The "Brunson Hill" area of Davis Street was closed to traffic during the time of repair with traffic being routed around by using Brunson Circle. No injuries were reported from this incident; however, those without electricity did report it being quite hot as they awaited the utilities to be restored.

Town of New Brockton to host Aug. 4th Mayoral Debate

The Town of New Brockton announces plans to host a "Mayoral Candidate Forum" for the 2025 Municipal Election. The office of mayor is the only contested race in the upcoming election in New Brockton.

New Brockton's Mayoral Candidate Forum will be held Monday, Aug. 4, at 5:30 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall, located at 706 E. McKinnon St. There are three candidates seeking election for mayor.

Those attending the event can meet the candidates and hear each deliver his/her vision, platform, and responses to community concerns. Officials said this will be a good opportunity for citizens to be informed and involved in the future leadership of New Brockton.

The forum format will be as follows:

- Opening Statements - each candidate will have 2 minutes to present an introduction.
- Moderated Questions - candidates will respond to questions posed by the moderator with 2-minute time limits. Rebuttals may be permitted at the moderator's discretion.
- Audience Questions - A question box will be available upon arrival at the forum. Attendees may submit written questions using the provided slips. Audience questions will not be taken from the floor.

For more information, call the town clerk's office at (334) 894-5283.

From the Desk of Elba High School Principal Jermaine Shakespeare,

As we gear up for yet another incredible school year, I, Jermaine Shakespeare, want to express my deepest gratitude for you allowing me to serve as your new principal of Elba

High School. I am honored and humbled to walk in the legacy that Elba has built over the years, and I look forward to working with this entire community as partners.

Community engagement is the cornerstone of student achievement, and we can't do it without you. On behalf of the faculty and staff at Elba High, we promise to ensure the safety and

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security of each student under our care; we promise to use the best instructional practices to challenge, support, and inspire every learner; we promise to set high expectations for both academic success and personal growth; and, we promise to model excellence—not because it's simple or effortless, but because excellence is the standard at Elba High School.

This week announces the release of a custom smartphone application for the county probate office.

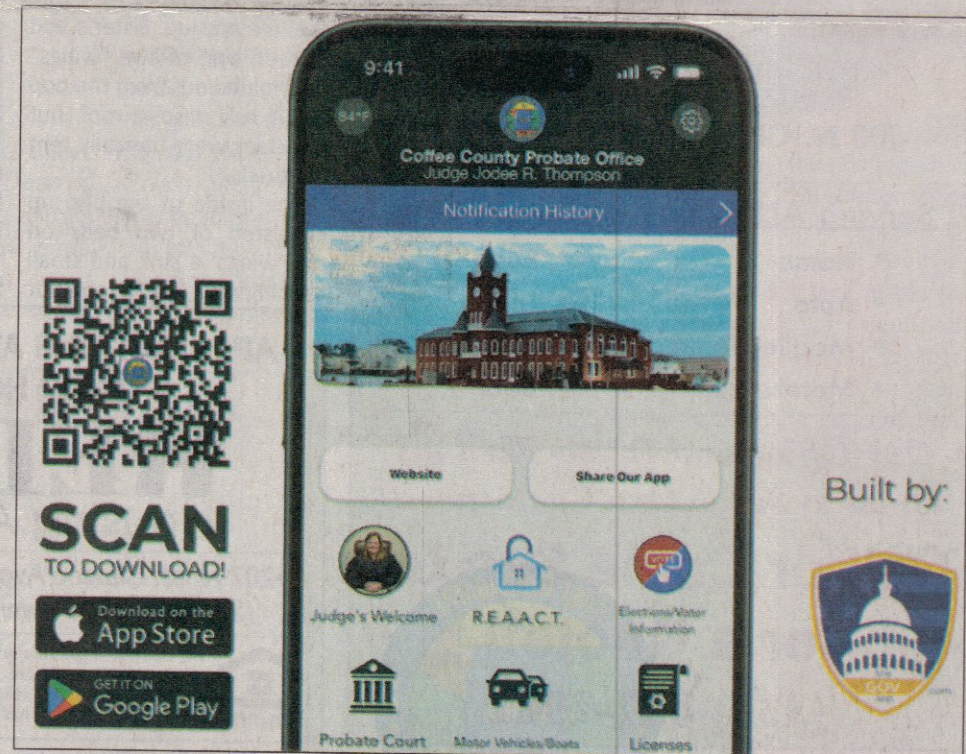
The app will serve as a new way for the probate court to connect with Coffee County residents, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.

The Coffee County Probate Office app was developed by TheGovApp.com, a brand of OCV LLC, which specializes in mobile app development for government agencies across the county. The app offers quick ac-

cess to items of public interest and is easy to use. In just a few clicks, users can access features as:

- Judge's Welcome
- R.E.A.A.C.T.
- Elections/Voter Information
- Probate Court
- Motor Vehicles/Boats
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- And, More!

The app is available for download for free in the App Store and Google Play. Search "Coffee County Probate, AL" to download.



Coffee County Probate Office announces new smartphone app available for download now



The Elba Masonic Lodge 170 held its Installation of New Officers Saturday, July 19, at the Lodge in Elba. The new officers are [from left to right]: W/M Mike Amison, S/W Matt Brunson Sr., J/W Ethen Dodd, S/D Gauge Ballard, S/S Mark Davis, J/S Shane Spears and [back] Chaplain Paul Adams. The installing officer was PGM Brother Jamie Smith. All in attendance enjoyed finger foods and fellowship prior to the installation.

Area Happenings

The Elba City Council will meet Monday, July 28, for its regular bi-monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The Elba Redevelopment Authority will meet Tuesday, July 29, at 7:30 a.m. at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, to consider a purchase of property request. This meeting is open to the public.

Coffee County Schools [Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel] will host Pre-K Jumpstart and Kindergarten Jumpstart this year. Students and parents will be able to meet the teachers and receive information and announcements concerning the coming school year. The parents will also be able to meet the administrators. Bring the child's school supplies. Pre-K Jumpstart will be Friday, Aug. 1, from 8-10 a.m. while Kindergarten Jumpstart will be Friday, Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at each school. Also, the schools will host Open House on Monday, Aug. 4, from 4-7 p.m.

Elba Police Report

"You don't measure value by how long someone's around — you measure it by what they leave behind. Impact isn't about how much time you put in — it's about what you put into that time - Elba Forward...a change is gonna come," Magwood said.





An Entered Apprentice Meeting was held Monday, July 21, at the Elba Masonic Lodge 170 to initiate Jesse Franklin Jones into the Elba Lodge. Food, fellowship, and work was enjoyed by all. Those present for the meeting were: [front, l to r] Gauge Ballard, Larry Shaw, Mike Murphy, Drexell Richards, Larry Shaw, W/M Mike Amison, Candidate Jesse Franklin Jones, Matt Brunson Sr., Mark Fitzgerald, Roger Whisnant, Eugene Austin, and Blake Miller; [middle] Jeff Skeen, Matt Brunson Jr., Bridge Harrison, Wendell Black, Chris Miller, Ethen Dodd, Mark Davis, Scott Cole, Michael Phelps, and Shane Spears; and [back] PGM Tommy Morrow, Paul Adams, Harry Young, Jerome Blackmon, Justin Prescott, and Shawn Sawyer. Picture was taken by Troy Gideon III.

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Troy University recognizes new students who have completed IMPACT orientation and enrolled in classes for the Fall 2025 semester.

Local students who enrolled at TROY include:

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Obituaries

MARY ELIZABETH VAUGHAN

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Vaughan, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 20, 2025, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ron Nunn officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Vaughan was preceded in death by her husband - James Robert Vaughan, father - Jim Frank Ennis, mother - Willie Mae Ennis, daughter - Judy Bimbo, brother - Dickie Ennis, and grandson - Hayes Vaughan.

Survivors include her daughter, Fanchon Diane (Ron) Nunn, Cookeville, Tenn.; son, Jimmy R Vaughan, Elba; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

THOMAS ARTHUR INGHAM

Mr. Thomas Arthur Inghram, age 57, of Glenwood, Ala., died Sunday, July 20, 2025, at his home in Glenwood, Ala.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday July 27, 2025, from 2-4 p.m., at Pea River Outdoors with Rev. Kit Johnson officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Inghram family.

Survivors include his spouse, Norma Inghram, Glenwood, Ala.; mother, Merrilda Wallace, Mayfield, Ky.; son, Robert Inghram, Texas; brothers, Troy Inghram, Ky., Tony Johnson, Elba; sister-in-law, Amanda Johnson, Elba; and aunt, Robin Sparks, Ohio.

ELBA BOE MEETING NOTICE:

The Elba City Schools Board of Education will meet Tuesday, July 29, for a special called meeting of the board, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to make a few last minute hires for the upcoming school year, according to school officials. This meeting is open to the public.

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Coping with Grief When You Lose a Spouse

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Lighten Your Schedule. If you normally have a pressing schedule, try to lighten it. Remember, grief is mentally taxing. You don't need the added strain of too much to do. Set aside some quiet times just for yourself, so you can think about your spouse's death and put things in perspective.

Remember that There is No Timetable. Healing doesn't happen overnight. It happens gradually, and there is not a normal timetable for grieving. For some people it may take weeks or months to start to feel better. For others, it may take years. It's also important to remember that even if you have accepted your loss, that doesn't mean that you have forgotten the person.

What if you can't seem to handle your grief? It's important to understand there is no timetable for grief, so it is difficult to say when a person needs professional help. If you are worried you are not coping well with your grief, you might consider talking to a counselor.

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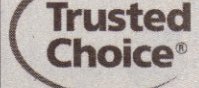
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICKEY CHARLES HUGHES Deceased
CASE NO.: PR-2025-140

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to, Mary Ann Danford Administrator of the Estate of, Ricky Charles Hughes deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2025, by the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Honorable Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN CASEY JONES, Deceased.
Case No. PR-2025-138

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Ronald A. Jones and Media S. Jones, Co-Personal Representatives, on the 7th day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 7th day of July, 2025. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GRACE B. BRUNSON, DECEASED.
CASE NO. 2025-134

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to JENNIFER B. MONTGOMERY on the 7th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. JOHN B. BRUNSON BRUNSON, BARNETT & SHERRER, P.C. ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE 8020 Parkway Drive Leeds, AL 35094 205-702-6700 7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEMEKO SANCHEZ REESE, Deceased
CASE NO.: PR-2025-117

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of DEMEKO SANCHEZ REESE, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Erma Byrd ERMA BYRD Administrator of said Estate 7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JANICE GRIMES MORGAN, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-142

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Janice Grimes Morgan, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of

July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred. /s/ Thadius W. Morgan, Jr. THADIUS W. MORGAN, JR. Personal Representative 7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANIEL GUY KENNEDY, SR., DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-135

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of DANIEL GUY KENNEDY, SR., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred. /s/ Lillian Marlene Kennedy LILLIAN MARLENE KENNEDY Personal Representative 7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Estate of: EARNEST L. ANDERSON Deceased.
Case No. PR-2024-066

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ADAM CHASE ANDERSON as Administrator of the Estate of EARNEST L. ANDERSON, deceased on the 14th day of July, 2025 by the Hon JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate Court of COFFEE County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said

estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson JODEE R. THOMPSON Judge of Probate, Coffee County 7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUBY LEE MERRIEX, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR-2025-100

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Elizabeth Michelle Stallworth as Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Lee Merriex, deceased, on the 14th day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNIE KENNINGTON, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-151

NOTICE OF HEARING TO: Richard Lamar Oliver III and to all Known and Unknown heirs at law and next of kin of DONNIE KENNINGTON who may be unknown and are not named.

You are hereby notified that TINA PATRICK has filed a Petition to probate a document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Donnie Kennington, deceased.

A hearing on said petition has been set for the 27th day of August, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at which time you may appear and contest the same if you see fit. DONE AND ORDERED this 21st day of July, 2025 /s/ Jodee R. Thompson JUDGE OF PROBATE 7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd

LEGAL NOTICES:

(More Legal Notices on Page 4)

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. HSIP-0012(584)

DALE AND COFFEE COUNTIES, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on July 25, 2025 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Access Management (Partial Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Traffic Signal Installation, and Traffic Stripe) on SR-12 (US-84) from a point near the junction of CR-709 (MP 184.300) east of Enterprise to a point near the junction of CR-1 (MP 185.420) in Level Plains. Length 1.123 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall be Completed In Eighty (80) Working Days. A 6.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$36.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,069,126 To \$2,528,931. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract

entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director
7/10,17&24-chg.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

SPECIFICATIONS: TIMBER FOR SALE BY COFFEE COUNTY BOE

Under the conditions outlined below, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba AL, 36351 is accepting bids on the following:

New Brockton - Coffee County, AL - 16.75 acre lump-sum final harvest

A formal survey and map outlining the exact location of the timber are available upon request.

CONDITIONS OF BID

The Undersigned, as Bidder, hereby declares that the only person or persons interested in the Proposal or Principals is or are herein named and that no other person than herein named has an interest in the Proposal or in the contract to be entered into, and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud.

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to determine to his own satisfaction the value of the timber offered for sale. Any information which has been given or may be given by the Coffee County Board of Education is offered only to help prospective bidders to decide whether or not they may be interested in examining the timber and such date are not to be construed or deemed a guarantee or representation by the Coffee County BOE as to the volume or the value of the timber being offered for sale.

It is strongly recommended that all bidders participate in a scheduled property cruise to thoroughly inspect the sale area to determine volume estimates.

Property cruises will be permitted on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, July 22 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 24 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Guided property cruises are available upon request. To schedule a guided cruise, contact the Coffee County Board of Education at (334) 554-0002.

The successful bidder must provide proof of commercial liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million as well as workers' compensation insurance.

All bids must be submitted on the bid proposal form which is available upon request.

All merchantable timber (hardwood and pine) is to be clear cut and removed from the site. All other timber is to be organized for future disposal.

BIDDING: This is a lump-sum sale. A single lump-sum bid for all designated timber is requested. Buyers should satisfy themselves as to the volume and value of the timber designated for harvest (hardwood and pine) prior to bidding. The deadline to submit a sealed bid is **Tuesday, August 6, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.**

Bids will be received at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba AL, 36323, **UNTIL 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 6,** at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and

read.

Bids must be submitted on the school system's Bid Proposal Form. To adhere to the Alabama Immigration Law, the following forms must accompany all bids: E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance, and Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract. Bid submission packets must be properly labeled with the bid project title, vendor name, address and phone number. All required documents must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked **"New Brockton Lump-Sum Timber Bid, Bid #25-001" TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. on TUESDAY, 8/6/2025.** The Coffee County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

The highest lump-sum bid meeting specifications will be presented to the Coffee County Board of Education at the next meeting for consideration and any award. Notification of any award will be provided to the successful highest bidder only following Board approval.

If you would like more information about this bid, please call Mr. DeWayne Hamilton, Facilities Coordinator, at (334) 554-0002. **POSTED: 7/15/2025 7/17&24-chg.**

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: The estate of
PAULA H. WIGGINS,
Deceased.**

Case No.: PC-2025-049

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINIS- TRATOR

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Paula H. Wiggins, deceased, having been granted to James Lenard Wiggins, Administrator, on the 15th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court, Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ James Lenard Wiggins
Petitioner
Preston Register, Attorney
UNITY LAW, LLC
256 Honeysuckle Road,
Suite 16
Dothan, Alabama 36305
(334) 678-0100
7/24, 31 & 8/7

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CONNIE PHILLIPS,
DECEASED.**

CASE NO. PC-2025-046

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Attorney for JoAnn Segars,
Personal Representative
7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by HINES

WESLEY CLENNEY, Spouse of TORI NAHLENAH CLENNEY, TORI NAHLENAH CLENNEY, Spouse of HINES WESLEY CLENNEY, on March 8, 2022, to First National Bank of Hartford, which mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1146 Page 108, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the said mortgage will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on August 14, 2025, during the legal hours of sale the following real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to wit: A parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 3/8" iron pipe marking the purported north line of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and the west R/W of Geneva County Road No. 41, and thence S 22 degrees -00 minutes -57 seconds W 986.58 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe on the west R/W of said road and the POINT OF BEGINNING: and thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 5859.39 feet, a delta of 02 degrees-02 minutes-48 seconds, and a chord bearing and distance of S. 24 degrees -27 minutes -43 seconds W 209.29 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds W 228.66 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 24 degrees -00 minutes -58 seconds E 222.05 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 85 degrees -12 minutes -51 seconds E 225.65 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel of being in the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and containing 1.0 acres more or less.

A parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 3/8" iron pipe marking the purported north line of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and the west R/W of Geneva County Road No. 41, and thence S 21 degrees -57 minutes -41 seconds W 944.43 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe on the west R/W of said road and the POINT OF BEGINNING: and thence S 23 degrees -13 minutes -57 seconds W along the west R/W of said road 42.17 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 85 degrees -12 minutes -51 seconds W 225.65 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 24 degrees -00 minutes -58 seconds W 222.05 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds W 683.54 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 36 degrees -01 minutes -05 seconds E 120.71 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 51 degrees -51 minutes -40 seconds E 262.16 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 28 degrees -47 minutes -43 seconds E 6.09 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 85 degrees -12 minutes -51 seconds E 737.59 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel of being in the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4

of Section 1, T2N, R23E and containing 3.9 acres more or less. A parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 3/8" iron pipe marking the purported north line of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and the west R/W of Geneva County Road No. 41, and thence S 23 degrees -03 Minutes -04 seconds W 1405.25 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe on the west R/W of said road and the POINT OF BEGINNING: and thence S 27 degrees -45 minutes -23 seconds W along the west R/W of said road 44.55 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds W 811.28 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 23 degrees -04 minutes -30 seconds W 50.32 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 08 degrees -01 minutes -15 seconds W 116.8.0 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 36 degrees -01 minutes -05 seconds E 84.39 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds 683.54 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 26 degrees -30 minutes -43 seconds W 210.00 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds E 228.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel of being in the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and containing 3.7 acres more or less.

**Property Address: 11971
Co Road 41, Hartford, AL
36344**
Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Said property will be sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, and will be subject to existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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OF HARTFORD Mortgagee David F. Holmes

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Post Office Box 1180
Slocomb, Alabama 36375
(334) 886-3123
Attorney for Mortgagee
7/24,31&8/7-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MAX WOOD JR.,
DECEASED,**

**DANIELLE ELIZABETH
BETH RICH MARSHALL,
PETITIONER.**

CASE NO. 25-0092

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Max Wood Jr., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of July, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Danielle Elizabeth Rich Marshall
Danielle Elizabeth Rich Marshall
Personal Representative
Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
7/24, 31 & 8/31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ROYCE DOTSON
CREWS,
DECEASED.**

CASE NO. 2025-106

NOTICE OF PUBLICA- TION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Rosemary Harrison, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Royce Dotson Crews, deceased, on the 14th day of July, 2025, by the Toby Seay, Geneva County Probate Judge. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Rosemary Harrison
Rosemary Harrison,
Personal Representative
7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd



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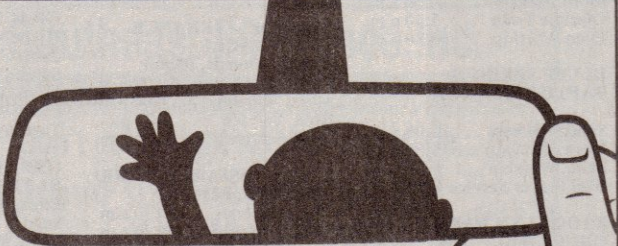
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CHURCH NEWS



Carly Bryan was honored recently with a 90th birthday celebration hosted by her family and friends. The celebration was held at the fellowship hall of Newbia Baptist Church. Ms. Carly is pictured above with several of her family members who were in attendance to help her celebrate the milestone birthday!

What does the Bible say about... Showing Our Faith?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"There is a God in heaven" (Daniel 2:28).

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

"Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works" (James 2:17-18).

One way to show our faith is by defending God and His word. We show our faith each time we express enjoyment or wonder about the beauty of the seasons (Genesis 8:22), or God's promise of the rainbow (Genesis 9:8-17). Or, talk about the innocence and wonder of a newborn child, or when we give God the credit for some aspect of how the cycle of life works on earth. Also, when we speak of some scientific truth, foreknown by the Bible, before being discovered by mankind such as the circle of the earth (Isaiah 40:22), the paths of the sea (Psalm 8:8), or the

fact that the stars cannot be numbered.

These things may seem minor or of no great importance and out of mind when dealing with the struggles of every day living—work, school, health, or just making ends meet at the end of the month. Indeed, life is so full of many things that demand our time, talents, and money. But the truth about God and His word is so important to our daily lives that such thoughts should never be far from our mind (Matthew 6:33).

It is not difficult to defend God when we think of His many benefits in our lives each day, and that all good things come from Him (James 1:17; Psalm 68:19; 103:2).

Do you pray? And when good things happen in answer to your prayers, do you thank God and give Him the glory? These and other things will let everyone know that you know someone other than yourself is in control.

Zoar Cemetery Association meeting set for Saturday, July 26th

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 26, in the Morrow

Homecoming services set for Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church, located at 218 County Rd. 407, Elba, will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 3, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be

Hall building, located on County Road 331 at 10 a.m. Continued personal and financial support is needed.

All with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery are encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

Pastor Mack King, and the Coppage Family will be sharing special music. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the food, fellowship, music, and services.

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with Us!
Call 897-2823**

ROUND AND ABOUT w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER 334-282-2200



Scripture: Psalm 34:8
KJV

Thinking of you! Praying for you!

Devin Luckett, Harold Williams, Beatrice Belcher, Faye Manning, Akira Hutchinson, Mary Sue Dawson, Alice Musgrove, Vernetter Purvis, Larry Rogers, Mary Megginson

July Birthdays

Ja'Vante Griggs 7/10
Leona Siler 7/12
Afrenee Kelley 7/12
Curtis O. Kelley 7/13
Connie Bones 7/13
Jakori J. Warren 7/13
Brandon Wade 7/13
Rita Gray 7/13
Patrick Tyson 7/14
Paul Whitehurst 7/14

Stumbling Blocks

A stumbling block might be an issue of morals a spiritually weak person trips over, but more often it is something we seize upon as an excuse for failure however, sometimes a person come along who shows us how puny our excuses are for failing to conquer life's obstacles. Erik Weihenmayer is one such person. At the age of Thirteen, he became totally blind at about the same time his mother was killed in a car accident. But rather than stumbling over this significant impediment, Weihenmayer accepted his blindness as a challenge. After a brief (and Understandable) bout with self-pity, he set about to overcome the setback life had given him. He eventually became a schoolteacher, sky diver, skier, marathon runner, and a wrestler with membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Even more amazing, he is a "world class" mountain climber, well on his way to his goal of climbing the highest mountain on every continent on earth. On May 25, 2001, he reached the

summit of Mt. Everest, the world's highest mountain! Judah no doubt had excuses as to why they could not live by God's will. So God said (in Effect), "I will really give them something to trip over," and because of their lack of spiritual will, God's challenge to them to repent turned into a stumbling block. Are the challenges in our lives excuses for failure are stepping-stones to faith? -C.R.B.

Question/Answer Section Questions for the week of 7-17-2025 True or False

(Q) The chief Priests, scribes, elder of the people, and the high priest were all involved in the plot to kill Jesus.

(A) True – Matthew 26:3, 4

(Q) Judas was accompanied by a few men from the Chief Priests, who came to arrest Jesus.

(A) False (A great multitude) Matthew 26:47

(Q) The sign on the cross identified Jesus as "The King of the Jews."

(A) True – John 19:19

Questions for the week of 7-24-2025

Answer the questions – Use your concordance

(Q) In Psalm I, what object from nature does the writer use to symbolize the person who delights in God's law? (Tree)(Flower)(Apple)

(Q) Give two reasons why the Psalmist fears no evil when he walks through the valley of the shadow of death?

(Q) What two blessings will follow the Psalmist all the days of his life?

Today is a good day! Be Grateful!

Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Bookout, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy James, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA METHODIST
CHURCH**
Nathan Elliott, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP
HOLINESS CHURCH**
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Edgar C. Peter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
CHURCH**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL**
Sunday Prayer . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Danny Branch, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Chad Fuller, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT
CHURCH**
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School . . . 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. . . . 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON
METHODIST CHURCH**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Allen Dies, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

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OF GOD CHURCH**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

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CHURCH**
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

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METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

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GOD**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

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OF GOD - SAMSON**
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.
CHURCH**
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY
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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship . . . 12 noon
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

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CHURCH, Elba**
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

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CHURCH**
James Preachers, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We babysat our grandson Cannon and his new dog Hazel over the weekend, and while you have to sometimes slow down and catch your breath to keep up with Cannon, keeping up with his pup was almost impossible. The golden doodle had to be on a leash whenever it went outside, tried to eat the food of our own little dog, and was non-stop playing with Cannon no matter whether they were inside or out. Nanny and I both needed a long nap after Cannon waved good-bye!

For what it is worth....

*** Since I am beginning this year's high school football preview this week with a look at the head coaches at the area schools, I thought it might be a good time to look back in the history books and remember some of the other coaches that helped put the schools on the map.

At Elba, the Tigers have been led by a total of 36 head coaches in their 103 years on the gridiron, and the first coach that always comes to mind is Hall of Fame Coach Mack Wood, who in 18 years with the Tigers led his teams to a 150-60 record and two state championships. Other coaches that led Elba to state titles included Pearino Gaither, who in just two seasons back in 1954-55 guided the Tigers to a pair of state titles and a perfect 20-0 record; Frank Buckner, who in three seasons led Elba to one state title and a 23-5-2 record; Scott Rials, who in nine seasons led the Tigers to a 70-35 record and one state title; and Ed Rigby, who in five years at the helm at Elba led the Tigers to a 53-12 record and one state title. Two other coaches that were also very successful at Elba included Marc Sieving, who led the Tigers to a 51-11 record in his five-year stay, and Leon Akins, who in five years guided the Tigers to a 36-12-2 record. Even though he was the head coach at Elba for only one season, Randy Griffin was a successful and popular coach for the Tigers and led his team to a 9-1 record, with the only loss coming to Enterprise. He later coached at Opp and upon retirement had the field named in his honor. Mac Champion was another one-year coach at Elba, but had an illustrious career in the high school ranks as he led his teams to a total of 255 wins, including three state titles in the public school ranks and four titles in the private school association, where he was inducted into the AISA Hall of Fame. Another longtime head coach that wore the black and gold was Julius Head, who in 25 years led his teams to 210 wins.

At New Brockton, the Gamecocks have had 16 head coaches in their 51 years on the football field, and without a doubt the most successful coach ever to wear the crimson and black had to be Leavy Boutwell, who in 10 years at the helm, led his teams to a 94-27 record and one trip to the state finals. Another successful coach at New Brockton was Justin Jones, who in five years led his teams to a 34-22 record.

At Kinston, the Bulldogs have been guided by 20 head coaches in their 53 years on the gridiron, but have never had a head coach that posted a career winning record while leading the blue and orange. Coach Jason Wambles is the winningest coach at Kinston with a record of 32-44 in seven seasons, including a 23-23 region record, followed by current head coach Rudy Free, who has led his teams to 22 wins in seven seasons on the sidelines. While the Bulldogs' head coaches haven't been able to put together a career of winning, a couple of coaches that most fans have heard of that led the Bulldogs over the years included former NCAA assistant at Alabama and Florida State Ronnie Cottrell, and Hall of Fame coach and current Andalusia head coach Trent Taylor.

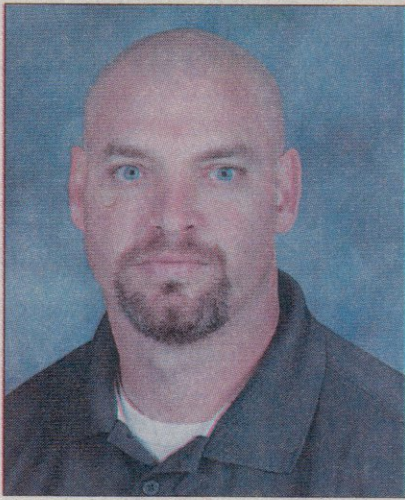
At Zion Chapel, the Rebels have been led by a total of 20 head coaches in their 62 years on the football field, with the winningest coach being popular former Elba Tiger assistant John Frank Hudson, who in three stints as head coach over a period of 10 years led his teams to a 54-50 record and a trip to the state finals. Another successful coach at Zion Chapel was David Collins, who in two stints with the Rebels led his teams to a 32-47 record.

At Brantley, the Bulldogs have had 30 head coaches in their 99 years on the gridiron, with the winningest and most popular coach being David Lowery, who in 14 seasons as the head coach led his teams to a 156-27 record, including an 88-3 record against region opponents, and two state titles. Also bringing two state titles to Brantley was Coach Roland Jones, who in two stints along the sidelines during a seven-year head coaching career guided the Bulldogs to a 58-28 record. Mike Sasser also enjoyed a successful stay at Brantley as in five years he led his teams to a 51-8-1 record, while Roland Jones, Jr., who stepped down last season after seven seasons, led his Bulldog teams to a 67-20 record.

*** In closing.... I urge all high school football fans to go ahead and purchase their favorite team's colors in the weeks to come and wear them proudly when the season kicks off. I know it will be hot for the first couple of weeks, but t-shirts emblazoned with their school's mascot will let everyone know who they support, and help pump the players up when they look up in the bleachers before the game starts. I am an Alabama Crimson Tide fan, but at high school games it is always 'black and gold' for me.



JON COOPER - ELBA



RUDY FREE - KINSTON



CODY KEENE - Z.C.

At area high schools

Three new coaches on sidelines in '2025

The high school football season will kick off in five weeks, and while fans almost always buy a program early in the season to be able to identify players, this season they may also have to leaf through the program to find out who the head coach is walking the sidelines as three area teams will be under the guidance of new coaches for the 2025 season.

ELBA TIGERS

The Elba Tigers will be led this season by Coach Jon Cooper, a coaching veteran both as a head coach and an assistant. Cooper began his head coaching career at Slocumb, where he led the Red Tops to a 21-13 record and three straight playoff appearances in three years at the helm. After a one-year stay at Kinston, where he led the Bulldogs to a 5-5 record, Cooper took over the reins at Appalachian for two years, where he led the Eagles to a 7-12 record and one trip to the playoffs. His final head coaching stint before coming to Elba was a two-year stint at Corner, where he led the Yellow Jackets to a 10-11 record and one tip to the post-season.

At Elba, Cooper inherits one of the state's winningest small school programs that in the past four years has posted a 46-7 record, four straight playoff appearances and two straight trips to the 1A semifinals.

KINSTON BULLDOGS

The Kinston Bulldogs will be under the leadership of the area's 'Dean of Coaches' as Coach Rudy Free returns for his seventh season, and tenth campaign overall as a head coach at the high school level. Free began

his head coaching career at Arifton after a successful tenure as one of the state's top assistant coaches, and in three years led the Purple Cats to a 7-23 record. He came to Kinston in 2019, and in six years has guided the Bulldogs to a 22-39 record and one trip to the state playoffs.

At Kinston, Coach Free has the task of building and maintaining a program that has posted just one winning record the last ten years, but that is accustomed to hard work and physical play.

ZION CHAPEL REBELS

The Zion Chapel Rebels will find a familiar face pacing the sidelines this season as Coach Cody Keene, Jr. return for his fourth season. The Rebels struggled to a 2-18 record the two seasons prior to Keene's arrival, but under his guidance has seen the team's win total increase by two wins each season, and in his three years at the helm has led the Rebels to a 15-16 record, and one trip to the post-season.

At Zion Chapel, Coach Keene has changed the personality of the Rebels from one that accepted defeat into one of physicality and toughness, and turned the team into consistent winners.

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be led by their third head coach in just the past seven years when Reggie Melton takes the reins this season. Coach Melton will be entering his fourth season as a head coach, with the previous three seasons coming at Headland from 2022-2024, where he led the Rams to a 21-13 record and two trips to the post-season.

At New Brockton, Coach Melton will inherit a team hungry for wins, but one that has jumped up in classification from Class 2A in 2019 to Class 4A in 2024, and faces a building process against teams with more experience at the



REGGIE MELTON - NB



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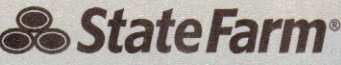
BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

The Brantley Bulldogs will see a familiar face walking the sidelines this season, but one that will be swapping a helmet for a green and white cap as former all-state quarterback Andrew Lowery returns to his alma mater to begin his head coaching career. An assistant coach for the past number of years, Coach Lowery is the son of Hall-Of-Fame head coach David Lowery, who led the Bulldogs to a 156-27 record and two state titles during his career, and will become just the fourth head coach to walk the sidelines in the past 27 years.

At Brantley, Coach Lowery will inherit one of the state's most successful small school football programs that in the past twenty-seven years has posted a record of 271-63, but has struggled to a 14-9 record the last two seasons and last year missed the playoffs for the first time since 1996.

COACHING HISTORY

<u>Jon Cooper - Elba</u>			
School	Record	Playoffs	Region
Slocomb (2013-2015)	21-13	1-3	13-6
Kinston (2017)	5-5	0-0	3-4
Appalachian (2019-2020)	7-12	0-1	4-8
Corner (2021-2022)	10-11	0-1	7-7
<u>Rudy Free</u>			
School	Record	Playoffs	Region
Ariton (2009-2011)	7-23	0-0	4-17
Kinston (2019-....)	22-39	1-1	15-29
<u>Reginald Melton</u>			
School	Record	Playoffs	Region
Headland (2022-2024)	21-13	2-2	7-9
<u>Cody Keene, Jr.</u>			
School	Record	Playoffs	Region
Zion Chapel (2022....)	15-16	0-1	8-12
<u>Andrew Lowery</u>			
School	Record	Playoffs	Region



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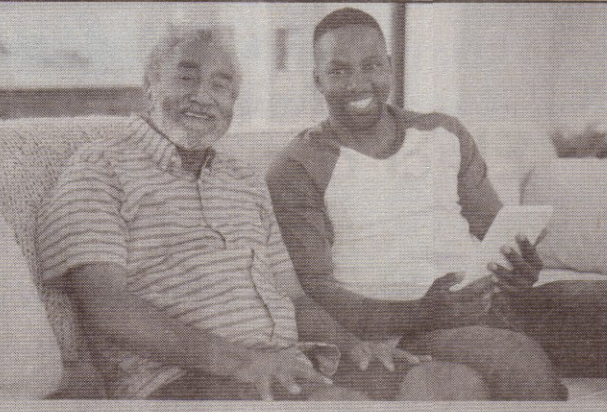


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COMMUNITY NEWS



The City of Elba has improved the playground area of Hawkins Williams Park. The new mulch utilizes recycled tires and provides a much safer and healthier experience. Funding for the material was provided through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Scrap Tire Demonstration Project. The City of Elba is grateful for the efforts of ADEM, Southern Engineering Solutions, and Elba Parks and Recreation to continue to improve the safety of our community.”

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READY FOR THE NEW SEASON...Elba High School junior cheeleader McKenzie Foster is ready for the upcoming football season. She and her fellow cheerleaders have been busy recently selling ads for the Elba Football program, and Monday morning, July 14, they were at Tiger Stadium participating in “program photos” with the Elba Tiger Football team! The Elba Tiger will kickoff the 2025 football season Friday, Aug. 22, at home against Luverne.

News Brief:

A two-vehicle crash involving a commercial vehicle occurred at approximately 3:32 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, in Coffee County.

The accident was at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Hwy. 141. For several hours both east-bound lanes of U.S. 84 were blocked as officials assisted cleared the scene. Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency’s (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division investigated the accident.

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